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SHERIFF KNUDSON ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS AND HIRING OF STAFF

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Michelle Wilson was hired as a Financial Office Manager on February 3, 2020. Michelle graduated from Clinton High School in Clinton, Wisconsin. She obtained an Associate Degree in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin – Rock County in 2002. Michelle then graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance in 2005. Before being hired at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Michelle worked at the Nelson Management Group LLC and her own business Wilson Consulting & Tax Service, LLC.

Laura Blohm was hired as a Payroll Specialist at the Rock County Sheriff's Office on February 10, 2020. Laura graduated from Frederick Jackson Turner High School in Beloit, Wisconsin in 2008. Laura has earned two Associate Degrees; one from Rockford Career College for a Veterinary Technician in 2012, and one from Blackhawk Technical College for Medical Administrative Specialist in 2016. Before being hired at the Sheriff's Office, Laura worked at the Badger Veterinary Hospital as a Business Manager and Veterinary Technician.



On February 10, 2020, Morgan Stalker was hired as a Deputy Sheriff with the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Morgan graduated from Big Foot High School in Walworth, Wisconsin, in June of 2016. Morgan obtained an Associated Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College in May of 2019. Morgan has graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy and has been assigned to the Law Enforcement Services Patrol Division. She will continue her training with a Patrol Training Officer.

Deputy Beau Douglas was promoted to Detective assigned to the Law Enforcement Services Division Detective Bureau on February 17, 2020. He graduated from Milton High School on June 6, 1999. Beau was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on June 13, 2006. Beau graduated summa cum laude from Herzing University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2019. Beau is a member of the Accident Reconstruction Team and a Team Leader of the Mobile Field Force. Beau received a Commendation Award in 2010 and a Unit Citation in 2017. Before coming to the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Beau was a Police Officer with the Village of Fontana Police Department.



Correctional Officer Kyle Kunkel was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on February 24, 2020. Kyle graduated from Milton High School in 2009. He was awarded an Associate Degree from Madison Media Institute in 2012. Kyle was hired as a Correctional Officer on February 18, 2018, and he has worked in the Correctional Services Division. Kyle will be attending the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College from February 24 to June 26, 2020. While working in the Jail, Kyle was instrumental in developing a plan for installing sound reverberation tiles to lower the decibel levels within the housing units using his knowledge of audio engineering.



Christopher Johnson was hired as a Correctional Officer on February 24, 2020. Christopher graduated from Kaukauna High School in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, in 2009. He was awarded an Associate Degree in Forensic Science from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin, in 2015. Before being hired at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Christopher worked for the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department as a Correctional Officer.



Rebecca Hookstead was hired as a Correctional Officer at the Rock County Sheriff's Office on February 25, 2020. Rebecca received a GED from Blackhawk Technical College in 1996. Rebecca obtained an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Moraine Technical College in 2011. Rebecca will be attending the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College from March 2 to April 3, 2020. Before being hired at the Sheriff's Office, Rebecca worked for Per Mar Security as a Site Supervisor.



Ryan Simonson was hired as a Correctional Officer on February 29, 2020. Ryan graduated from Arise Virtual Academy High School in 2017. Ryan received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College in December of 2019. Ryan will be attending the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College from March 2 to April 3, 2020. Before Ryan was hired at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, he worked at the Rock Valley Community Programs as a Residential Security Officer.





Hayden Omelian was hired as a Correctional Officer on March 1, 2020. Hayden graduated from Parker High School in 2013. Hayden graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2019. Hayden served in the Army National Guard from 2013 – 2019. Hayden received the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Wisconsin Write Medal. Before being hired at the Sheriff's Office, Hayden worked for Southern Cross LLC as a Field Technician.

Hayden will be attending the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College from March 2 to April 3, 2020.

Kyle Mareno was hired as a Correctional Officer on March 2, 2020. Kyle graduated from Phillips High School in Phillips, Wisconsin, in 2011. Kyle received an Associate Degree in Fire Protection Technician from Blackhawk Technical College in May of 2018. Before joining the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Kyle was employed at the Elkhorn Area Fire Department/Paratech. Kyle will be attending the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College from March 2 to April 3, 2020.

